

Collaboration Tools for the GAN

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Workshop Goal

- Review the collaboration technology needs of a GAN
 - Prepare a straw man proposal for supporting some of the collaboration, communication needs of a prototype GAN
- Convened
 - Accelerator physicists
 - High energy physicists
 - Operations experts
 - Technology tool developers
 - Social scientists that study collaboration

Agenda

- Introduction to user-centered design
- Accelerator experts
 - Work practices
 - Example GAN prototype opportunities
 - Capabilities needed
- Collaboration technology experts
 - Overview
 - Specific development efforts
 - Security technologies
- Studied specific scenarios and general issues

Attendees

- Deb Agarwal LBNL Host
- Paul Avery University of Florida
- Nathan Bos University of Michigan
- George Chin PNNL
- Terry Disz ANL
- Hans Frese DESY
- Miguel Furman LBNL
- Ray Helmke Cornell (Wilson Lab)
- Wolfgang Krechlok DESY

- Stu Loken LBNL
- Gary Olson University of Michigan
- Judy Olson University of Michigan
- Marcia Perry LBNL
- Massimo Placidi CERN
- Todd Satogata BNL
- Mike Stanek SLAC
- Mary Thompson LBNL
- Bill Turner LBNL

General GAN Observations

- Design phase
 - Scheduled and ad hoc meetings
 - Documents
 - Project management/workflow
 - Code development
- Commissioning
 - Intense continuous work process
 - Instrument testing/troubleshooting

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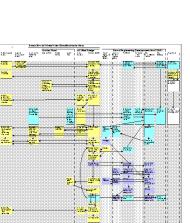
- Operations
 - Shift log
 - Measurement instrument readings/control
 - Meetings
 - Shift change
 - Status update (daily)
 - Maintenance coordination
 - Experimenter liaison
 - Control of accelerator components
 - Continuous status information
- Personnel!

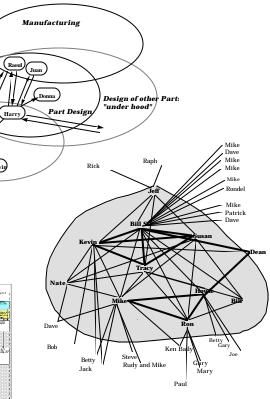
GAN scenarios

- TTF2
 - DAQ software design
 - Machine development studies
- RHIC/SNS
 - Remote control/diagnosis/commissioning
 - Machine development studies
 - Operations activity information monitor
- LHC
 - Machine development studies

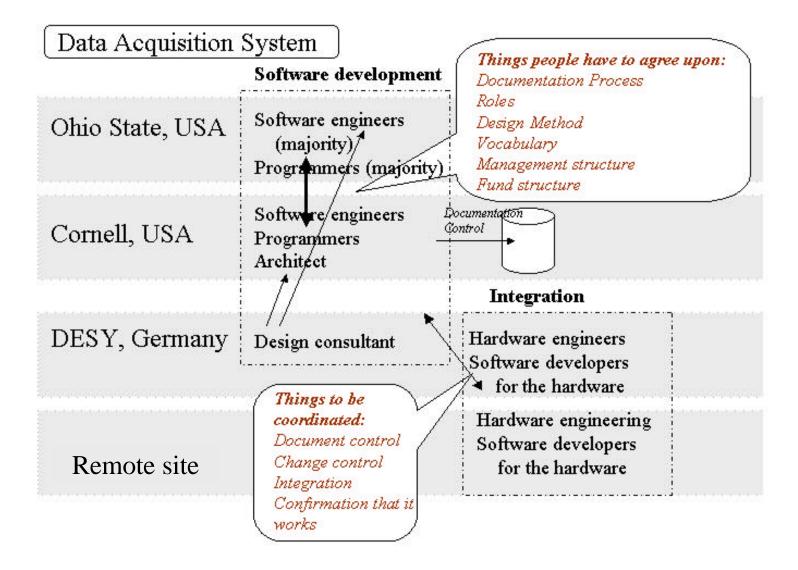
User centered design

- Extract from users their needs
 - Goals, work, work setting, timing
- Collect from interviews, focus groups, observation
- Using various diagramming techniques



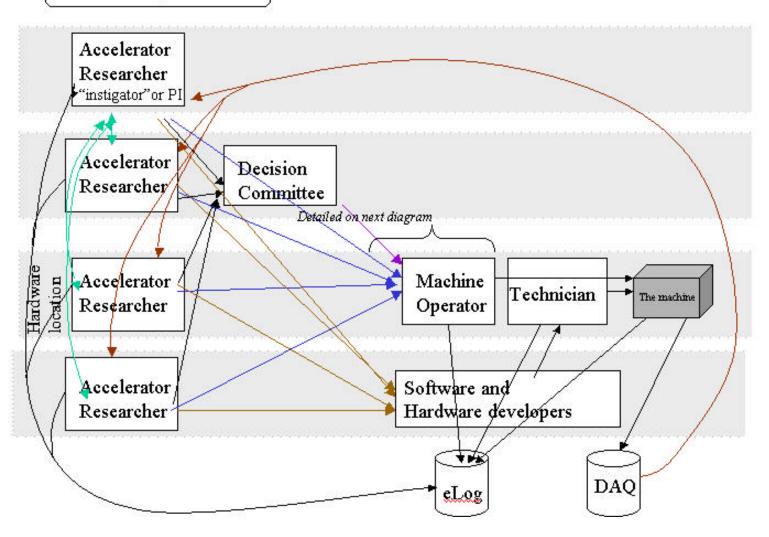


Detailed scenario #1 DAQ



Detailed scenario #2 Machine Development Studies

Remote operations



Collaboration Technologies

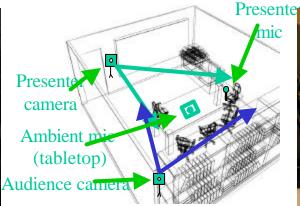
- Access to
 - People
 - Instruments
 - Stored information
- Synchronous vs asynchronous
 - Chat, video conferencing, audio streaming
 - Shared objects of conversation (like data)
 - Threaded discussions
 - Electronic notebooks
- Transitions between them

Collaboration Technologies to support these scenarios

- Meeting support
 - Remote presentations
 - Shared applications/whiteboards
 - Annotation capabilities
 - Natural audio
 - Video of all
 - Easy setup
 - Captured for replay
 - Back channels

Access Grid Nodes (ANL)







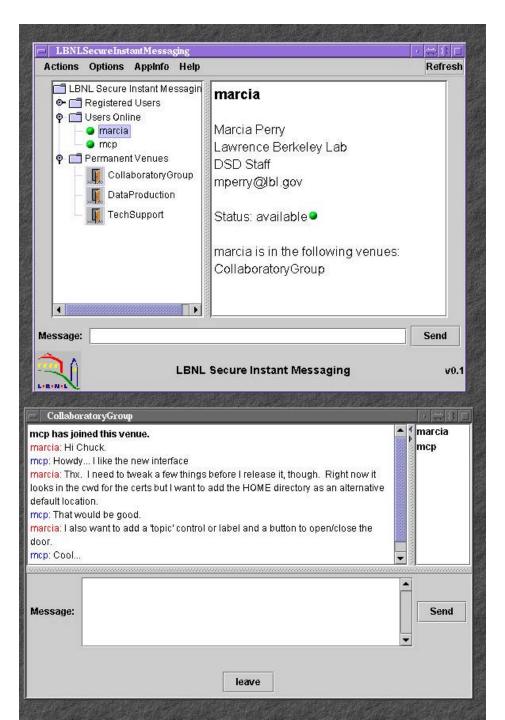




Collaboration Technologies to support these scenarios

- Informal meetings
 - Awareness, calendars for finding people
 - With appropriate sensitivities
 - Desktop meeting support
 - Discussion support
 - Messaging support
 - Shared whiteboards

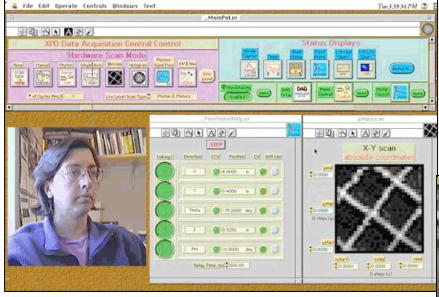
Secure Messaging (LBNL)

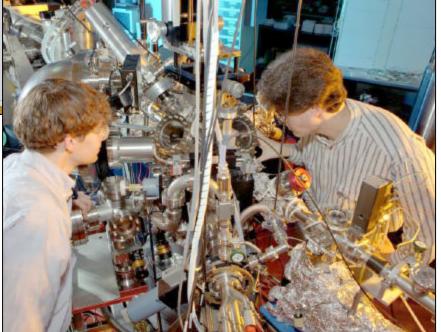


Collaboration Technologies to support these scenarios

- Remote operations
 - Observation of panel, instruments, people
 - Discussion
 - Remote control of some parameters
 - Instrumentation
 - Data collection
 - Not the beam
 - Auditory communication for operator
 - Nearby video stream

Spectro-Microscopy
Collaboratory

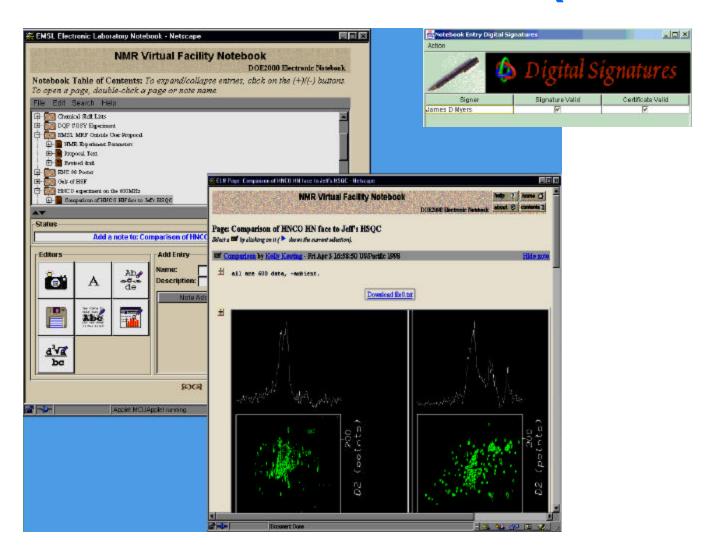




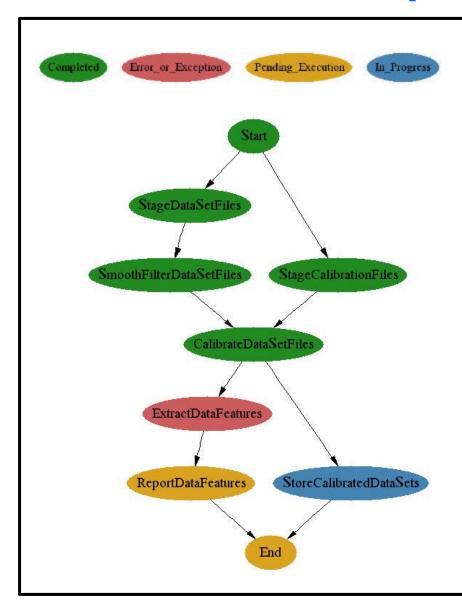
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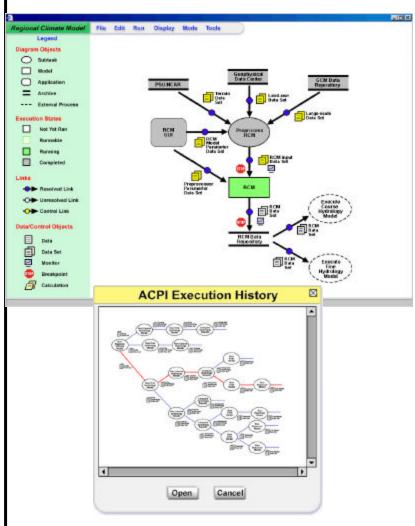
- Asynchoronous communication
 - Electronic notebook
 - Agendas
 - Open issues
 - Notes
 - Annotated capture of meetings
 - Annotated documents and data displays
 - Project management/workflow tracking

Electronic Notebook (PNNL)



Workflow (LBNL,PNNL)





Security

- Public Key Infrastructure
 - Grid Security Infrastructure
- Kerberos
- Virtual Private Network
- Username/password

Features

- Identification
- Access Control/Authorization
- Guests
- Privacy
- Vulnerabilities
- Ease of use

Social issues

- Privacy
- Reciprocity
- Ease of use
- Agreed "rules of the road"
- Culture
- Adoption
- Training

URLs

Workshop

http://www-itg.lbl.gov/Collaboratories/GANMtg

DOE National Collaboratories Program

http://doecollaboratory.pnl.gov/

CREW

http://www.crew.umich.edu

LBNL Collaboration Technologies

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